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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Lax et al.  
Application No. : 10/796,332 Confirmation No. : 2003  
Filed : March 8, 2004  
For : CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK  
Examiner : Lloyd A. Gall  
Group Art Unit : 3676

New York, New York 10020  
December 23, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, which did not address the merits of the application, but required an election of species.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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## PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY  
TYPE  OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	324.
X43=		OR X86=	86.00
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	1180.00

TOTAL CLAIMS	38	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	38 minus 20 =	18
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

- If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL	

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	38	Minus	38	=
Independent	4	Minus	4	=

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM

82, 109, 118, 119

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	1000
X43=		OR X86=	0
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL	1000

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	57	Minus	38	= 20
Independent	2	Minus	4	= 0

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM

82, 120

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	0
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL	0

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total		Minus		=
Independent		Minus		=

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM

- If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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